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GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION: ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

Annotated provisional agenda and organization of work

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the session

1. The Global Ministerial Environment Forum/Sixth special session of the Governing Council, will be opened by the President of the Council at its twentieth session or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Council at its twentieth session. The Forum will be held at Scania Convention Centre, Stora Varvsgatan 15, Malmö, Sweden and is expected to begin at 11 a.m. on Monday, 29 May 2000.

2. In keeping with the date and place fixed by the President of the Governing Council in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Forum/special session will last three days. A meeting of the joint Bureaux of the governing bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be held on Sunday, 28 May 2000, beginning at 3 p.m. The geographical composition of the Bureau of the Governing Council is contained in annex I to the present document.

Item 2. Organization of the session

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The provisional agenda for the Global Ministerial Environment Forum/sixth special session of the Governing Council, drawn up in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, was distributed on 9 March 2000 as document UNEP/GCSS.VI/1. The organization of the work of the Forum/special session, as proposed by the Executive Director in consultation with the Bureau of the Governing Council, is contained in annex II to the present document.

(b) Organization of the work of the session

4. The Executive Director recommends that the Forum/special session deal with the items of the provisional agenda in plenary meetings and proposes the setting-up of a Committee of the Whole, including Senior Officials and Permanent Representatives, as a sessional body. It is also recommended that the plenary devote its first and last meetings to agenda items 1 (Opening of the session); item 2 (Organization of the session); item 3 (Credentials of representatives); item 9 (Malmö Declaration); item 11(Adoption of the report) and item 12 (Closure of the session).

5. The plenary in the form of ministerial consultations will address agenda items 4 (Major environmental challenges in the new century); item 5 (Private sector and the environment - preparing for the twenty-first century); and item 6 (Civil society - responsibility and role vis-à-vis the environment in the globalized world). In order to facilitate discussions under these items guest speakers will deliver short statements and serve as resource persons as indicated in paragraphs 9, 11 and 13 below.

6. As for the Committee of the Whole, the Executive Director recommends that it devote its three meetings to provisional agenda items 7 (Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme); item 8 (Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme

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to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21); item 9 (Malmö Declaration) and item 10 (Provisional agenda of the Global Ministerial Environment Forum/twenty-first session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme).

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GCSS.VI/1	Provisional agenda
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Item 3. Credentials of representatives

7. In accordance with rule 17 of the rules of procedure of the Governing Council, the Bureau will examine the credentials of representatives at the Global Ministerial Environment Forum/sixth special session of the Governing Council, and will report thereon to the session. It should be noted that, under rule 16, each member of the Governing Council is to be represented by one accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Item 4. Major environmental challenges in the new century

8. As a basis for its discussions, the plenary will have before it a document prepared by the Executive Director on the findings of the Global Environment Outlook 2000 report. The document will outline the major environmental challenges, taking into account the views expressed by Governments.

9. In order to facilitate discussions on this agenda item, guest speakers will deliver short statements and serve as resource persons.

RESOURCE PERSONS	
Mr. Mario Molina (Mexico), Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Mr. M. S. Swaminathan (India), Chairman, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation	
DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GCSS.VI/3	Major environmental challenges in the new century discussion paper presented by the Executive Director

Item 5. Private sector and the environment - preparing for the twenty-first century

10. Private investment and trade has become the major engine in the development of many countries and globalization impacts increasingly on the environment. Discussions within the broader context of trade liberalization and globalization might focus on the finance and technology sectors that could play key roles in reorienting the future markets towards sustainability.

11. In order to facilitate discussions on this agenda item guest speakers will deliver short statements and serve as resource persons.

RESOURCE PERSONS

Mr. Jürgen Dormann (Germany), Chairman of the Board, Aventis
Mr. Masashi Kaneko (Japan), President and Chief Executive Officer, Nikko Securities
Mr. Gunnar Brock (Sweden), Chairman of the Board, Tetrapak
Mr. Lin See-Yan (Malaysia), Former Deputy Governor of Bank Negara, Moderator

DOCUMENTATION

UNEP/GCSS.VI/4	Private sector and environment - preparing for the twenty-first century - discussion paper presented by the Executive Director

Item 6. Civil society - responsibility and role vis-à-vis the environment in the globalized world

12. Under this item, Ministers may wish to discuss how environmental policies might benefit from the increasing level of participation of people in a variety of groups in civil society. In order to keep the discussion focused, it is recommended to concentrate the dialogue between Ministers and invited representatives of relevant international non-governmental organizations and of the media, on the roles and responsibilities vis-à-vis the environment and sustainable development in the globalized world, taking due account of different levels of development and cultural diversity.

13. In order to facilitate discussions on this agenda item guest speakers will deliver short statements and serve as resource persons.

RESOURCE PERSONS

Ms. Yolanda Kakabadse (Ecuador), President, World Conservation Union
Mr. Charles Alexander (United States of America), Senior International Editor, Time Magazine
Mr. Martin Khor (Malaysia), Director, ThirdWorld Network
Mr. Robert Lamb (United Kingdom), Executive Director, TVE Moderator

DOCUMENTATION

UNEP/GCSS.VI/5	Civil society - responsibility and role vis-a-vis environment in the globalized world - discussion paper presented by the Executive Director

Item 7. Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme

14. In view of the recent discussion and decisions on the role of UNEP at recent sessions of the Governing Council, it is recommended that this issue be considered by the Committee of the Whole. The report of the Executive Director on this item will present the status of implementation of the decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its twentieth session and provide information on other completed, ongoing and planned activities.

DOCUMENTATION

UNEP/GCSS.VI/6	Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme

Item 8. Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

15. At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly, in paragraph 5 of its resolution 54/218 of 22 December 1999 (Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly), called for the preparations for the ten-year review of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in order to address the challenges and constraints in the implementation of the commitments of the Conference at all levels and to identify ways and means of accelerating the implementation of Agenda 21. In its operative paragraph 11 (c), the General Assembly invited the Governing Council of UNEP to consider how the activities of the Programme were contributing to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, and to submit its views to the General Assembly at its earliest

opportunity. In view of this, the Executive Director suggests that the Forum/special session consider and decide to transmit this contribution of UNEP to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

16. In addition under this item, the Executive Director will host a working dinner to exchange views on the role of UNEP in the preparations for the ten-year review by the General Assembly of the implementation of Agenda 21 in 2002. The Executive Director will present a background document taking into account the results of the discussions on this topic at the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

DOCUMENTATION	
UNEP/GCSS.VI/7	Report of the Executive Director on the contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21
UNEP/GCSS.VI/INF.1	Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the preparations for the ten-year review by the General Assembly of the implementation of Agenda 21 in 2002

Item 9. Malmö Declaration

17. The main output of the Forum/special session will be the Malmö Declaration. The Executive Director will assist the Committee of Permanent Representatives in preparing the structure and elements of the Declaration. It is expected that the outcome of ministerial consultations on agenda items 4 through 6 of the provisional agenda will be reflected in the Declaration to be adopted by the plenary under item 11 (Adoption of the report).

Item 10. Provisional agenda of the Global Ministerial Environment Forum/twenty-first session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

18. The Forum/special session should decide on the items of its report to be referred to the Global Ministerial Environment Forum/twenty-first session of the Governing Council, in February 2001.

Item 11. Adoption of the report

Item 12. Closure of the session

Annex I

GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION OF THE BUREAU OF THE UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL

1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	1999
REGIONAL GROUP											
African Group											
VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP
Asian Group											
VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp
Eastern European Group											
VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres	VP	Rapp	VP	VP	Pres
Latin American and the Caribbean Group											
Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP	VP	VP	Rapp	Pres	VP
Western European and Others Group											
Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP	Pres	VP	VP	Rapp	VP

Note: Pres - President
VP - Vice-President
Rapp - Rapporteur

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Annex II

Global Ministerial Environment Forum

Sixth special session of the Governing Council
Malmö, Sweden, 29-31 May 2000

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS

SUNDAY, 28 MAY 2000

3 p.m.
Meeting of the Bureaux of the governing bodies to UNEP
Informal consultations among regional groups (optional)

MONDAY, 29 MAY 2000

PLENARY

11 a.m.	
Item 1:	Opening of the session
Item 2:	Organization of the session
Item 2 (a):	Adoption of the agenda
Item 2 (b):	Organization of the work of the session

LUNCHTIME (1 - 3 P.M.)

PLENARY IN THE FORM OF MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS

3 p.m.	
Item 4:	Major environmental challenges in the new century

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.	
Item 7:	Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme
Item 9:	Malmö Declaration

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TUESDAY, 30 MAY 2000

PLENARY IN THE FORM OF MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS

10 a.m.	
Item 5:	Private sector and the environment - preparing for the twenty-first century

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.	
Item 7:	Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme
Item 9:	Malmö Declaration

LUNCHTIME (1 - 3 P.M.)

PLENARY IN THE FORM OF MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS

3 p.m.	
Item 6:	Civil society-responsibility and role vis-à-vis the environment in the globalized world

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.	
Item 8:	Contribution of UNEP to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21.
Item 9:	Malmö Declaration.
Item 10:	Provisional agenda of the Global Ministerial Environment Forum/ twenty-first session of the Governing Council of UNEP

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2000

PLENARY

10 a.m.	
Item 3:	Credentials of representatives
Item 9:	Malmö Declaration
Item 11:	Adoption of the report
Item 12:	Closure of the session